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'When I bought this gun, I didn't plan on it having a bad reputation. The stereotype that the AK-47 has makes people think I'm going to go out and kill little kids.'



A Cal Poly mechanical engineering senior, who asked to not be identified, cradled his AK-47 assault rifle on Sunday in the hills above Morro Bay. 'I don't tell many people I own (it),' he says. 'It usually shocks them' / Daily photo by Steve McCrank

A loaded debate

'90s outcry against guns, gun owners has made this Poly student's hobby taboo

By Patrick O'Brien
Daily Staff Writer

Even when he is holding his AK-47 assault rifle, he looks harmless. In fact, Jonathan Lawrence probably wouldn't look menacing sitting at the controls of a battle tank.

Lawrence is a soft-spoken, bespectacled, mechanical engineering senior. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, and skinny. He looks like the typical boy-next-door.

Lawrence owns a semiautomatic AK-47 assault rifle. In the box with the rifle are two clips that each hold 30 rounds of ammunition.

It is a big gun, but he likes to keep a low profile. In fact, he didn't want to be identified by face or his real name in this story.

"I don't tell many people I own the rifle," Lawrence said. "(But when I do) it usually shocks them."

Lawrence bought his AK-47 in his hometown of Los Angeles in May 1988. He bought the rifle for target shooting, and chose the AK-47 because it provides a lot of shooting power at a low price.

At that time, violence in America wasn't seen as the nation's most pressing problem. People weren't as concerned with the proliferation of guns on the streets.

That attitude changed dramatically when Patrick Purdy killed five children and wounded 30 in a Stockton schoolyard in Jan. 1989 with an AK-47.

The incident led Congress to ban the import of most assault rifles. California passed an even stricter law

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Clinton, NATO willing to OK airstrike on Bosnian Serbs

By Sally Jacobsen
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Clinton and his NATO allies warned Serb forces Tuesday of a new determination to launch air strikes if needed to relieve embattled Muslim enclaves in Bosnia. "My resolve is there," Clinton said.

At the end of a two-day summit, the 16 Western leaders announced their willingness to order bombing raids if Bosnian Serbs continue to prevent the opening of a major airport for aid supplies or the rotation of encircled peace keepers.

"Whether they occur or not depends upon the behavior of the Bosnian Serbs from this moment forward," Clinton told reporters at the end of the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Serb chief of staff, Manojlo Milovanovic, warned U.N. troops would also suffer in any air campaign because his forces would stay close to peacekeepers. "They cannot strike at us without also hitting U.N. forces," he said.

Clinton and other leaders insisted there was a new mood among the allies to carry out the threats first issued last June to use their formidable air power to ease the situation in Bosnia.

"There is a very real determination" to carry out the warnings, said British Prime Minister John Major.

"I made it clear that for our part we were prepared to follow through," Clinton said.

And if the Bosnian Serbs don't get the message, he said later, after meeting with officials of the 12-nation European Union, "We'll see if our resolve is there. My

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Students embrace fees with ire, resignation

By Pamela Slaughter
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students are greeting the call for higher CSU tuition with a mixture of anger and acceptance.

While some call it outrageous, others call it manageable.

Facing yet another budget shortfall, the California State University system will be pushing for students to cover more of their education costs in the 1994-95 academic year.

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget, released last week, includes a plan that would increase those fees by as much as 24 percent.

Cal Poly students surveyed at random Tuesday held mixed feelings on what the increase will mean for them.

"I'm tired of fees increasing," said art and design senior Matthew Liddi. "It's expensive and frustrating."

The planned increase means students will pay \$342 more per year. Although they aren't happy with the increase, many said they could afford it.

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TODAY

- ASI Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- WriterSpeak Readings, 7 p.m., U.U. 204 — fiction writer John Hampsey and poet Nick Campbell

THURSDAY

- March for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 10 a.m., Dexter Lawn — 545-9828
- Physics Colloquium presents Dr. Ronald F. Lehman II, assistant to the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, "Strategic Arms Reduction: Past, Present and Is There a Future?," Science B-5, 11 a.m.

UPCOMING

- Last day to drop classes — Jan. 14
- Last day to sign-up for Jan. 22 Writing Proficiency Exam — Jan. 14
- Velo SLO Bike Club informational meeting, Jan. 17, Great Pepperoni restaurant, 7 p.m.
- Last day to add classes — Jan. 18
- Last day to register for winter term and pay fees — Jan. 18
- Writing Skills workshops — Jan. 18: "Writing In-class Essays" — 11 a.m., Room 10-111 "Writing Short-answer Exams" — 11 a.m., Room 10-115
- Last day to request credit/no credit — Jan. 25
- Priority filing deadline for 1994-95 Financial Aid — Mar. 2

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Clinton lessens resistance to probe

By John King
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Tuesday he is reevaluating his opposition to having a special prosecutor investigate the Clintons' controversial Arkansas land investment in Whitewater Development Corp.

One administration official said the White House was seriously considering asking Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint a special prosecutor.

"The most important thing to me and the most important thing to the American people is I'm completely relaxed about this because I didn't do anything wrong," Clinton said in an interview with CBS News.

Another administration official said no decisions had been made, but that calling for a special prosecutor appointed by Reno was one option being debated. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

As a growing number of Democrats joined Republicans in calling for appointment of a special counsel, some Clinton advisers believe such a step is the only way to end the political damage, the officials said.

Clinton said he found it "bewildering" that some people were demanding a criminal investigation even though there are no specific allegations of wrongdoing by him or his wife related to their former part ownership of Whitewater at the time he was Arkansas governor.

Clinton, in the Czech Republic to meet with Eastern European leaders as part of his weeklong trip abroad, said in the CBS interview that he found it odd that calls for a special counsel continued even after he turned over

his Whitewater records to Justice Department investigators.

"People said, 'That's not enough,' so I think we have to evaluate that and see where we are," Clinton said.

The White House has agreed to turn over Clinton's Whitewater records to Justice Department investigators, but only under a subpoena that prohibits their release to the public.

The White House has steadfastly opposed demands that Reno name a special counsel to investigate allegations that Clinton improperly benefited from his business partnership with McDougal.

Investigators are trying to determine whether depositors' funds were diverted from Madison to help retire Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign debt, and whether thrift money was improperly deposited in the Whitewater account.

Clinton and his wife have denied any wrongdoing.

A central tenet of the White House damage-control strategy has been to label the attacks as part of a calculated Republican effort to smear Clinton as his first year in office draws to a close.

That strategy has wilted as Democrats have endorsed the Leach proposal for a special counsel.

Two Clinton loyalists in the Senate, Charles Robb of Virginia and Bill Bradley of New Jersey, have said they believe a special counsel should be named, as have Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Russell Feingold of Wisconsin.

BUDGET: Fee increase may put squeeze on students, but they won't be driven out

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"I'll manage with a lot of hard work," said industrial engineering junior Irene Tan.

Others were not quite as sure.

"I can afford (the fee increases) if Mr. Clinton will give me that special loan," said graphic communications senior Damon Claussen.

Some students said they think the fee increases are simply unfair. Because classes are seemingly harder to get than ever, students said they don't think the extra fees produce results.

"It's outrageous," said English senior Tom Terrell. "We pay more money for less services."

The planned fee increases were not a surprise to most students.

"The way things are going nothing seems to be solving

the (budget) problem," said animal science senior Erin McKee.

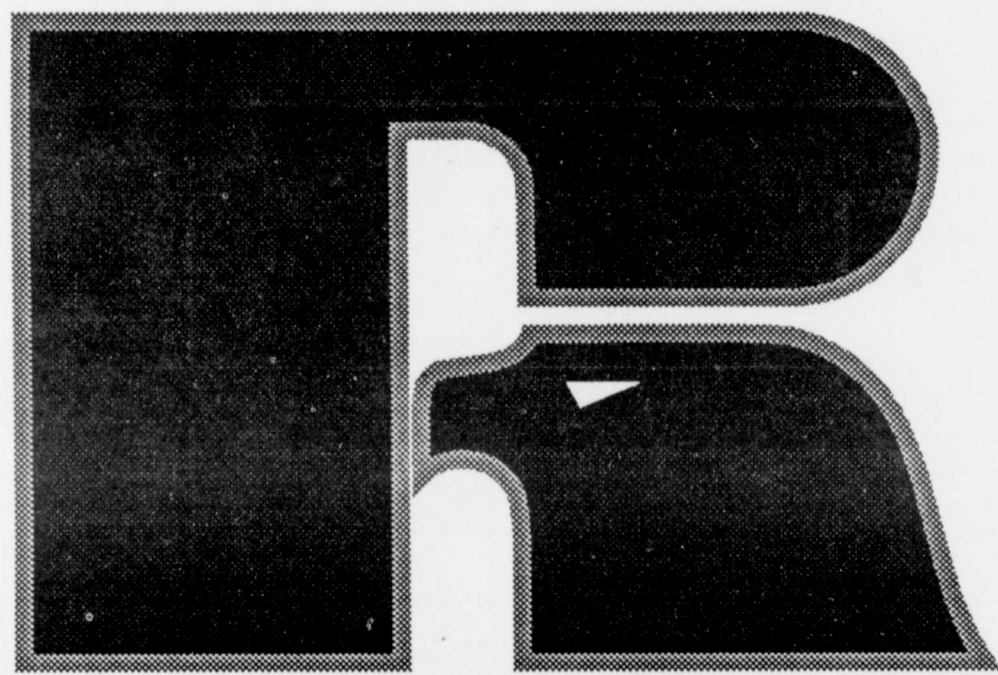
When asked for other solutions to the fee increases, most students said they had no idea what could be done. But at least one student thought increased enrollment would help solve the problem. Terrell said it would be more beneficial to have more students on campus because they would bring in more money in fees.

Even with higher fees, some students said the education they get from Cal Poly is worth the cost.

"I'm not happy about (the fee increases), but the education is worth it once you get out of here," said environmental engineering freshman Bobby Ponce.

History senior Joe Eister agreed.

"I think education is worth it," Eister said. "I would pay anything to go to school."



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GUNS: Poly student is target of stereotype

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that also required owners to register their weapons with the state.

The name "assault rifle" became closely associated in many people's minds with "massacre."

"When I bought this gun I didn't plan on it having a bad reputation," Lawrence said. "The stereotype that the AK-47 has makes people think I'm going to go out and kill little kids."

But Lawrence insists he is only interested in shooting non-living targets.

"A lot of people argue that this gun isn't for sport; that it's merely for killing people," Lawrence said. "But for someone like me who has no intention but to shoot tin cans, it's just to have fun with. It's a mental competition just like pool or bowling."

With more people dying from gunshots every year, polls have shown a growing demand for stricter laws.

But Lawrence doesn't think

further regulation is going to solve the problem.

"It's getting tougher by legal means (to own a gun)," he said. "But by illegal means, it's always going to be easy."

In fact, the growing level of violence even has Lawrence thinking about protecting himself.

"The AK-47 isn't something you can use for personal defense," he said. "I'm thinking of selling it and purchasing a handgun."

However, target shooting would be the main use for his handgun wherever he lives, he said. Especially in San Luis Obispo, he doesn't think he'd ever need it for personal safety.

"San Luis Obispo is so mellow compared to L.A.," Lawrence said. "I don't feel threatened here at all. But you never know when there's going to be ... violence near you. And there might be a chance that a gun could help you."

Today's Californians quicker to the draw Lungren: Soaring violence returning state to pioneer climate

By Steve Geissinger
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California crime statistics in 1993 show declines in all categories, except for murder, the attorney general announced Tuesday.

Homicide increased 2.6 percent during the first nine months of last year, compared with the same period in 1992, according to a report from Attorney General Dan Lungren.

Despite an overall decline in serious crime of 3.8 percent, the increase in murders prompted Lungren to describe California as a "wild-west shooting gallery."

Violent crimes dropped 4.1 percent, led by a 7.5 percent decline in forcible rape, a 4.4 percent decline in robbery, and a 3.8 percent drop in aggravated assaults.

Property crimes, comprised of burglary and motor vehicle theft, were down 3.7 percent.

In a separate development, The American Legislative Exchange Council reported that statistics show a person who lives in California today is three times more likely to be murdered than one who lived in California in 1960.

Lungren disclosed the figures in his annual "State of the Public Safety" address.

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Attorney General's report

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American Legislative Exchange Council's report

Also in the address, he said the public should be given a list of convicted child molesters, including name, picture, history and community of residence.

But to help prevent vigilante attacks on the former convicts, Lungren's proposed legislation would add five years to the sentence of anyone who used the information to commit a felony.

Police disclosure of information about molesters has led to violence in other states. Last July in Lynnwood, Wash., a home that a convicted sex offender planned to move into was burned a day after 250 people protested his release.

Lungren said benefits of disclosure outweigh concerns.

The information would help citizens watch the activities of the ex-convicts, Lungren said.

"Because sexual offenders are so often repeat offenders, when a past child molester moves into a new community, the public should have a right to know," Lungren said, drawing applause from a business group.

In detailing his proposal to disclose information about child molesters, Lungren said convicted sex offenders' names are already placed on a statewide registry.

Offenders are required to re-register when they change addresses. But Lungren said the information is restricted primarily to law enforcement officers.

Lungren's list of convicted molesters released from prison would be distributed twice annually to county sheriffs and libraries.

The penalty for an offender who fails to register would be increased from a misdemeanor to a felony.

The list would protect those least able to protect themselves, Lungren said.

"If I saw one of the characters in a park where children were, I'd contact local law enforcement," Lungren said. Police could question the ex-convict about his reason for being at such a location, he said.

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Carolyn NIELSEN Well no, I'm not naked

"Hey, is your refrigerator running?" (Pause. Snicker, snicker, giggle.) "Well, you'd better go catch it!" Hardy har har!

In our pre-pubesence, my friends and I used to huddle around the telephone receiver for hours of amusement — prank calling people. Nothing we came up with was remotely witty enough to evoke a guffaw from anyone outside of our little circle. But the mere fact that we were being oh-so-rebellious titillated us to no end.

Ah, the wonders of the youthful mind and how easily it is amused. (I guess this is something akin to grown men emulating Beavis and Butt-head.)

I have always wondered why people call it "crank call." This makes no sense. A crank is something you turn to wind something up. It's *prank* — like a joke, get it? But I digress.

This oddly nostalgic childhood remembrance has formed the basis for my theory about obscene phone callers. I'm not talking about the mere *pranksters*, mind you (there's that word again), but rather referring to the real sickos who wake you out of a sound sleep and gratify themselves at your groggy expense.

With a whopping one psychology class under my belt, I am not so quick to psychoanalyze these specimens. But I think these guys who have rung up my friends and I are expressing some repressed need (besides the obvious one that comes to mind).

It makes sense — and believe you me, Freud said some much more far-out stuff. Take that penis envy theory for example. Yeah, right.

So, I'm thinking maybe our misguided caller is that poor guy who always had to go home for dinner when it was his turn to call so he's fixated in some Freudian-like stage. You know those stages of fixation from PSY 101: oral, anal, phallic, genital — and fiber optic.

So maybe we should really feel sorry for the fallen soul who terrorized my friend John's grandmother. Only John can truly do the story justice when he tells the tale of his grandmother recounting her first obscene phone call. I think Diet Coke came out my nose the first time he imitated her elderly soprano voice cackling, "Well, **NO**, I'm not naked!" OK, so maybe you kinda had to be there.

And, I must admit, the first time some guy decided to dial my number and reach out and touch himself, it did scare the bejezus out of me. But then I realized: What's life without a little humor?

So when the last mentally imbalanced guy dared to telephone me, I was ready.

Ring!

"Hello?"

"Are you wearing any panties (breath, breath, breath)?"

"Yeah, size husky, polka-dotted, K-Mart hipsters, but the elastic's pretty much shot. How 'bout you?"

Click.

And the next time some pervert tries to tell me he's watching me I've got a veritable cornucopia of comebacks like, "Oh goodie! Then you can watch my Rottweiler, Fang, do his new trick — the one where he rips the door off the hinges and..."

Call me a party-pooper, but if I was twisted enough to want to have phone sex, I would solicit it myself.

• Carolyn Nielsen is a Daily senior editor. Her column will appear on alternate Wednesdays this quarter. And her phone number is unlisted, so don't bother. But it starts with a '5.'

LETTERS

Analysis of health care proposal had it wrong

Re: "Socialized medicine: An 'F,'" Mustang Daily, 1/10

Cynthia Nelson's analysis of the Clinton administration's health reform plan requires a response, but I hardly know where to begin. I realize her piece appeared on the opinion page, but shouldn't opinions appearing in the paper be well-informed and thoughtful?

Contrary to what she said, I have never been treated impersonally by anyone at the Health Center. The clerks behind the desk have been invariably polite and helpful. The physicians are prompt, knowledgeable and concerned. And the pharmacist is extraordinarily responsive.

I am amused that Nelson believes one can purchase health insurance for "\$40-\$80 per month." One could get by with that level of premiums, of course. Just be aware that the deductible is \$1000 (according to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield agent I spoke with on Jan. 10.) That means you must pay for the first \$1,000 of health care every year. This amounts to coverage for serious accidents or catastrophic illness only. How many students or marginally-employed people have an extra \$1,000 laying around to pay medical bills?

Nelson offers anecdotal evidence to show that socialized medicine in other industrialized nations is a "complete failure" or "disappointing at best." As is usually the case, this type of contribution to the discussion of public policy obscures more than it clarifies.

We have no information on the particulars of the cases Nelson cites. And she offers no more substantial evidence of the "complete failure of socialized medicine." Even a half-hearted attempt at researching this issue would reveal facts that may surprise her. She will undoubtedly be astounded to learn that people suffering under the failed socialized medicine systems live longer, at less cost, than we do.

Nelson asserts in at least two places that only certain people will qualify for health coverage under the



administration's reform plan. She is apparently confusing the administration plan with the plans proposed by other groups. Universal coverage has been, and according to the President always will be, the one feature of the health care reform package that is inviolate.

Further point-by-point refutations of Nelson's piece will yield similar inconsistencies and half-truths. From where, for example, did she arrive at the six million person figure who are under-insured in the U.S.? Who does she think pays for the health care given to indigent people now? How many people are presently denied access to health care?

Facts, not anecdotes and half-truths, make for interesting and important contributions to public debate of the issues.

Dennis Butler
Computer science lecturer

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Reverse discrimination: Who benefits?

By Krystn Shrieve

My friends and I were planning to attend a job fair in February. We sent our resumes, samples of our writing, and a check to pay for registration. Our hotel reservations were made, our interview outfits were carefully chosen and we were ready to go.

However, although the application didn't mention it, the job fair was only open to minorities. When one of my friends heard the news she said, "That's not fair. I work just as hard as everybody else. It's not my fault that I'm white."

This is reverse discrimination. In theory, it is supposed to help those people who had been discriminated against in the past. In practice however, reverse discrimination hurts everybody, regardless of race or gender.

I'm not just writing this article because I can't go to the job fair. The fact is, I am a minority. I am female. I am disabled. A friend once told me I was an employer's dream because I filled three quotas at once. I wondered if he realized how stupid he sounded. But when it comes to discrimination, I've heard a lot of stupid comments.

When I was home over Christmas vacation, I visited one of the reporters I worked with at my summer job. He told me that, in this day and age, I should play up the fact that I am Filipina.

Because a person can't tell from my name alone that I am a minority, they suggested I change my middle name to "Rubio," my mother's maiden name. Although this is a common practice in the Philippine culture, I would never do it just to get a job. My middle name is Joy. It always was and always will be. It might not get me a job, but that's OK.

However, these aren't the only stupid remarks I've heard regarding reverse discrimination. I also remember the day one of my roommates said I was lucky because I received priority registration and can purchase a special parking permit through Disabled Student Services.

But she didn't consider the high price to pay for these minor benefits. Maybe it didn't occur to her that being disabled isn't exactly a stroke of luck.

Nevertheless, I considered her notion. Maybe I was lucky. After all, I was allowed to register early, and I could usually find better parking than other students. This advantage really comes in handy on those cold mornings when my hips lock and it takes every ounce of strength I have just to get to class.

Do I really get extra chances in life because I was a minority, a female or disabled?

Last week my mother sent me a copy of the classified ads from our newspaper at home. She circled one ad that said, "females, minorities and people with disabilities encouraged to apply." I began to wonder what

was more important to employers — the fact that I am a woman, a Filipina, or somebody who has cerebral palsy — or the fact that I work hard and am good at what I do.

But my mom forced me to look at reverse discrimination from a different point of view. She said somewhere along the line, somebody fought long and hard so women, minorities and people with disabilities could experience the same opportunities as everybody else.

She said she hoped these battles were not fought in

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vain and said there are times when reverse discrimination gives people chances they might not otherwise have had.

She has a point. I suppose it is one of the good things about reverse discrimination. But as I said before, there are bad things about it as well. In the end it hurts us all.

People who are passed up for a promotion by a female or a minority might be tempted to blame it on reverse discrimination. On the other hand, the person who gets the promotion will also wonder if reverse discrimination played a role. Soon qualities such as skill and integrity will no longer be an issue.

For me, however, skill and integrity will always be the primary issue. For this reason, I try to accentuate my abilities, rather than focus on the qualities that invite the practice of reverse discrimination.

Reverse discrimination encourages employers to hire a person for all the wrong reasons. It encourages them to look at qualities that have nothing to do with how well a person can do a job. It also forces those who do succeed to question whether their success was due to their ability or the color of their skin. Whatever happened to the old-fashioned notion of "the person who is most qualified is the person who gets hired?"

As long as reverse discrimination exists, I for one can only hope I was hired because I was truly more qualified than the white male whose resume was next to mine.

• Krystn Shrieve is a Daily senior staff writer.

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Feds to clean California's pipes

Economic and ecological renovation planned for state aqueducts

By Steve Geissinger
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Federal agencies Tuesday unveiled a \$689.5 million plan to overhaul the aging Central Valley Project, California's largest waterworks that channels melting snow south to farms and cities.

Officials from the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who presented the plan at a public workshop, said they are deciding which of the most pressing projects should receive the first \$30 million available in fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

Congress ordered the refurbishing in 1992 as part of efforts to protect and restore fish and wildlife. Planned improvements include remodeling work at Shasta Dam and the Red Bluff diversion dam, as well as purchase of poor farm land that can be idled and the rights to water that can be diverted to environmental uses.

On Monday, federal officials held a meeting on another aspect of the effort — the setting aside of 800,000 acre-feet of water annually for fish and wildlife starting in April. An acre-foot is the

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Federal Central Valley Authority refurbishment plan

average amount of water used by a family of five in a year.

The water for fish and wildlife is about 12 percent of the project's 6.5 million acre-feet in annual deliveries.

The project plans to announce the annual water allocation for customers on Feb. 15.

The project serves about

20,000 farms and 3.5 million urban users between Redding and Bakersfield. It provides about three times the amount of water delivered by the State Water Project, which moves about 2.1 million acre-feet annually.

The improvements to the federal project, scheduled over many years, will be funded partially by a \$5 an acre-foot surcharge to customers that was approved by Congress. The federal government will also ask the state to share in the cost of the work.

The most expensive project, at \$80 million, is construction of a temperature control device at Shasta Dam near Redding, said Bureau of Reclamation spokesman Jeff McCracken.

The project will allow dam operators to draw cold water from the reservoir without bypassing hydroelectric power generators, saving the federal government millions of dollars. Cold water needed by fish is now dumped directly into the river from the face of the dam.

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Yeltsin pleads for end to Russian political violence

Clinton expected to lobby for support of Russian president in Moscow summit today

By Deborah Seward
Associated Press

MOSCOW — On the eve of President Clinton's visit, Boris Yeltsin opened Russia's unruly new parliament Tuesday by urging lawmakers to cooperate with him and give his economic reforms "a second wind."

Three months after he sent tanks to crush the old, hard-line parliament, the Russian president warned the new lawmakers they must agree to "a complete and categorical exclusion of violence from the political life of the country."

Clinton arrives for a summit Wednesday to a Russia wracked by political struggle and bitterly divided over Yeltsin's free-market reforms and pro-Western tilt. The American president is expected to strongly endorse Yeltsin and shun his political foes, including extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

"It's not enough to meet just with the leader ... Clinton should

feel the political climate in Russia and its problems," said Nikolai Ryabov, a Yeltsin ally and head of the Election Commission.

Yeltsin stood stiffly and spoke with little emotion throughout his 17-minute address to the upper chamber, the Federation Council.

His sober appeal for dialogue contrasted sharply to his fighting mood when he called in the army Oct. 4 to resolve his conflict with his hard-line enemies, whose supporters had rioted in the streets.

"Despite the diversity of parties in parliament, there is a fundamental basis for constructive work together," Yeltsin said Tuesday.

He urged parliament to pass laws easing the transition to a market economy.

"During the electoral campaign, a lot of fresh and original ideas were heard, which could provide a second wind to the economic reforms," he said.

Since the stunning success of extreme nationalists and Communists in December's parliamentary elections, doubts have emerged about Yeltsin's commitment to his painful "shock therapy" reforms.

Yeltsin has ordered a Cabinet reshuffling to trim the bureaucracy, and some reformers could lose their jobs. Yeltsin has pledged that Yegor Gaidar, architect of his free-market transition, will remain.

Addressing the lower house, or Duma, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Tuesday that the government "must avoid unjustified lurches and shock-type decisions."

"Society's patience is largely exhausted" with painful economic upheaval, the prime minister said. "We are at a new stage in the reforms. The government's efforts will be concentrated on stabilizing the economy and forming favorable conditions for Russia's manufacturers."

Clinton is likely to propose ways the West could help develop a social safety net to help cushion Russians from the pain the reforms are causing.

Parliament's two chambers opened separately, in temporary buildings in different parts of Moscow. At 10 a.m., the lawmakers in both halls rose for Russia's new national anthem, "Glory to Russia" from Mikhail Glinka's pre-revolutionary opera, "A Life for the Czar."

Yeltsin addressed the 178-member Federation Council, which consists of two deputies from each of Russia's regions and republics, in a cramped hall of a former journalists' building.

Chernomyrdin spoke to the 450-member Duma, elected from geographic districts and from

party lists of candidates.

The Duma convened in a shoddy skyscraper next to the

old parliament building, the White House. The skyscraper, which once housed the Soviet trading bloc Comecon, suffered heavy damage in the October violence.

Zhirinovsky captured the most attention during the chaotic Duma session, by criticizing Clinton for refusing to meet with him. The outspoken nationalist also said Russia doesn't need Western economic aid.

"We can help ourselves," he said.

The Duma is expected to be deeply divided since no party holds a majority. Zhirinovsky controls 64 seats, the second largest faction after the 94 seats held by Gaidar's Russia's Choice coalition.

Zhirinovsky's top demand is that the government report to parliament on the economy, after which lawmakers could vote on confidence in the entire Cabinet or individual ministers.

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resolve is there."

"We don't believe it is necessary to have air strikes to protect 150 Canadian peace keepers in Srebrenica," said Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien said.

Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said there was "still a margin of uncertainty" about whether an allied air campaign would be launched.

"We still need the approval for a first strike" from U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, he said. Boutros-Ghali said that if U.N. military, humanitarian and political officials on the scene ask for air strikes, he will immediately ask NATO to carry them out.

He said NATO's statement demonstrated "a political will to do something."

The NATO leaders raised the prospect of bombing raids to evacuate the Canadians from Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia and force open the airport at Tuzla, a key conduit for aid to the north.

"We've asked the Serbs several times to open Tuzla. They refused," said French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe. "Now we've decided to do it anyway."

The allies also reaffirmed their readiness to conduct air strikes "to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo, the safe areas and other threatened areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

The allies seemed to move closer to military intervention in the conflict raging on their doorstep. More than 200,000 people have died since fighting broke out when Bosnian Serbs rebelled against independence from Yugoslavia nearly 21 months ago.

The Bosnian crisis dominated the final day of the NATO summit.

The leaders declared a readiness to let their former foes in Eastern Europe join the elite fraternity one day.

The allies did not draw up a timetable or a list of candidates for membership.

In their final statement, they endorsed the U.S. proposal for a "Partnership for Peace," which invites East Europeans to take part in military exercises and other limited activities.

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HOOPS: Mustang men hoping to outplay Cal State Dominguez Hills with a solid defense and strong communication

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leyball leaps in practice," Orrock said. "She is going to help inside."

Whether it be a leap of faith, leap year or leap frog, the men's

team plans to leap over Cal State Dominguez Hills on Thursday for its first California Collegiate Athletic Association win.

The men have played to a 6-8 overall record and dropped their

CCAA opener to Cal State San Bernardino Saturday.

Junior forward Leo Williams said defense is the key to a win over the Toros. Specifically, Williams said the team will have to talk to each other and cut op-

ponents off before they drive to the hoop.

"Talking — letting someone behind you know someone is coming," Williams said about playing solid defense.

"No one in the league can stop

us when we play defense," Williams added.

Mustang fans will be able to find out if Williams and his teammates can corral the Toros with their defense when the game starts at 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING: Volleyball player comes to rescue of women's swim

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points — a considerable distance behind Cal-Berkeley's 882.

The men's team traveled without most of its top swimmers due to the flu and produced no top-six finishes. The men earned

101 points compared to invitational winner Cal State Bakersfield's 1,051.

However, freshman Eric Collins swam three personal bests. His times of 22.51 in the 50-

meter freestyle, 55.47 in the 100-meter fly and 1:49.82 in the 200-meter freestyle all topped his previous marks.

Firman hopes the team will continue to improve its times as

it heads toward sought-after dual meets at UC-Davis Friday and UC-Santa Cruz Saturday.

"It's one team against another," Firman said. "It's not like one basketball team shoot-

ing on a basket here, another team over there and another over there and then find out who made the most points. In a dual meet, you see who wins right when it happens."

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Graphic communications senior Scot Gorbet, 24, scans the waves of Morro Bay as he kicks back in his kayak. Gorbet enjoys challenging the waves two to three times a week / Daily photo by Lorena Arnold

Kayak Surfing by Lorena Arnold

Name: Scot Gorbet

Age: 24

Major: Graphic communications senior

Years doing this: Two

How often do you kayak surf? Two to three times a week

Most interesting aspect: It's the same as surfing in the way that I get an adrenaline rush.

Worst aspect of kayak surfing: There aren't many. Paddling out and salt water flushing in the sinus are pretty bad.

Most memorable moment: Last winter I surfed South Jetty, and I dropped into a huge wave. I ate it big time. I never felt anything like it before.

Best maneuver: Crashing

Favorite place to kayak surf: Mondo's on a big day (Ventura area).

If you could kayak surf with anybody in the world, who would you do it with and where? Costa Rica with my pal Mark Olson, who owns "Paddle Sports" in Santa Barbara. He's been to Costa Rica many times and knows where to go.

Why do what you do? I wanted to river kayak. Kayak surfing is good practice for learning how to balance yourself and roll the kayak. The rivers don't run in the winter. But the ocean waves are huge in the winter. This way kayaking is a year-round sport.

Novelty of equipment: It's a fiberglass kayak designed for surfing. It's made in Europe and currently not available in the United States.

Most embarrassing moment: Falling out of the kayak. That wasn't really embarrassing, it's just something that happens when you're learning.

What do you think of your performance today? I did some tricks today that I've never done before — an ender. I didn't hold back.

Mustang hoopsters set to play Warriors, Toros

By Brad Hamilton
Daily Sports Editor

Men's and women's hoops jaunt onto the Mott Gym court this week for the first time since students returned from gobbling slabs of turkey and cream-oozing chocolate truffles over Christmas break.

Both teams take the court attempting to halt two-game slides.

The women (4-7 overall and 0-0 in league) shoot for a two-peat this season over Stanislaus State tonight at 7:30 p.m. Cal Poly topped the Warriors in every category but three — free throws made and attempted and steals — on its way to a 63-54 victory Dec. 16.

On Monday, Head Coach Jill Orrock quickly pointed out that her Mustangs trailed at the close of the first half in the December

game. She said she wants to win both halves this time.

The key to success is containing the Warriors top scorer forward Dawn Lee, she said. Lee scored 17 points against the Mustangs in the last meeting. She was the only Warrior to compile double digits.

Lee also gathered 17 rebounds in the game. That mark stands as the most allowed by the Mustangs.

Orrock wants the Mustangs to surround Lee like they may have surrounded the turkey at Christmas dinner.

"If they can't see (Lee), they won't pass to her," Orrock said.

One of those hounding Lee may be sophomore forward Allison Brady, who played volleyball for Cal Poly in the fall.

"She is showing real good vol-
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Swimmer smokes on the water

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly's volleyball team seems to be a diverse lot.

Volleyballer Allison Brady made a brief appearance on the basketball court with the Cal Poly women's team Friday. And Saturday, volleyball red-shirt Krista Kiedrowski blazed through the water for Cal Poly's swimming and diving team at the UC-Irvine Invitational.

Kiedrowski touched the pool wall quickly enough for two top-three finishes against a field of elite competitors, including a Division I Cal-Berkeley squad that finished 15th in the nation last year. But her efforts were not enough for Cal Poly to challenge the UC-Irvine Invitational title.

Kiedrowski's best finish was a quick 1:00.41 in the 100-meter backstroke race. She finished behind the Bears' Anna Simcic (58.33) for second place. She also finished third in the 200-meter backstroke (2:09.84) and sixth in

the 200-meter individual medley (2:11.30).

The freshman missed the national qualifying time in the 200-meter individual medley by .01 seconds.

"The biggest thing was her positive attitude," Head Coach Rich Firman said about his swimmer's success.

Kelli Quinn turned in the only other top-six finishes for the Mustangs.

Quinn swam the 200-meter breaststroke in 2:32.49 and had a 1:10.51 performance in the 100-meter breaststroke. Both times proved fast enough for sixth-place finishes.

Behind Quinn's and Kiedrowski's lead the Cal Poly women's team settled for an eighth place finish in a field of nine teams.

The Mustangs managed 126
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



KRISTA KIEDROWSKI

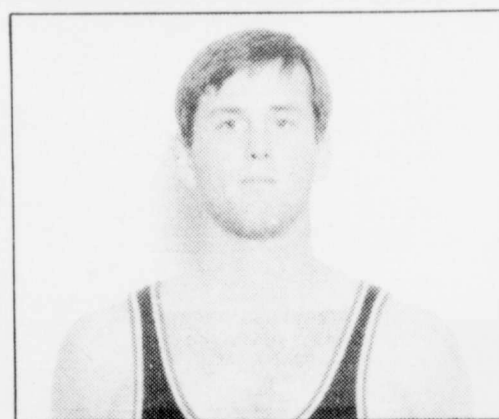
Swimming

The freshman swimmer, also a volleyball red-shirt, swam to within .01 seconds of a national qualifying time in the 200-meter individual medley. But her time of 2:11.30 earned her sixth at the UC-Irvine Invitational Saturday.

She also swam to a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke (1:00.41) and a third-place finish in the 200-meter backstroke (2:09.84). Her strong finishes came in light of swimming in 12 events in two days.

Runner up:

Swimming -- Kelli Quinn turned in the only other top-six finishes for Cal Poly. She finished sixth in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke.



JAKE GAER - Wrestling

Senior Jake Gaeir proved himself versatile as he wrestled at a higher weight class than his normal 150-pounds this week. Last year's PAC-10 champ at the 150-class, handled his Boise State opponent 10-4 at the 158-pound weight class Wednesday. Gaeir, who is ranked second in the Division I nation at the 150-class, defeated the eighth-ranked Oklahoma University's 158-pounder via technical fall at 5:32 of the match Friday in Norman, Okla. Saturday, he earned consolation champion at the Sooner Invitational.

Runner up:

Basketball -- Freshman Damien Levesque scored 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Mustangs in a 86-69 loss Saturday.